

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION**

RALPH ANTHONY KNOX, )  
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Plaintiff,             )  
                          )  
v.                     )                          No. 4:10CV1031 RWS  
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
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Defendant.            )

**ORDER**

This matter is before the Court on plaintiff's motion for reconsideration. The Court dismissed this action because it appeared that plaintiff was attempting to appeal from a state court's decision. In his motion for reconsideration, plaintiff appears to be attempting to challenge the validity of his conviction in United States v. Knox, 4:07CR582 RWS. Plaintiff may not challenge the validity of his conviction in a 42 U.S.C. § 1983 case. Furthermore, plaintiff may not file a § 1983 case "to aid" a § 2255 case. As a result, his motion to reconsider is without merit.

Dated this 16th day of July, 2010.

  
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RODNEY W. SIPPEL  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE